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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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the specification of which

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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

			Priority Claimed	
<u>2002-217744 (PAT.)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>26/July/2002</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
<u>2002-247284 (PAT.)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>27/August/2002</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
<u>2003-100529 (PAT.)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>03/April/2003</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
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<u>2003-122646 (PAT.)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>25/April/2003</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
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<u>2003-159516 (PAT.)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>04/June/2003</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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